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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Box Comments - Patents

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Re: Questions and requests relating to Patent Term Adjustment Calculation by the USPTO's computer system as displayed on the PAIR screen.

After careful use of the Patent Applicant Information Retrieval (PAIR) screen for displaying the calculated adjustment to the term of the patent for the following three applications 10/695,169; 10/974,786; and 10/020,332, it has come to our attention that the presented data on patent term adjustment as generated by the above computer system from the USPTO are somewhat difficult to interpret and confusing to understand based on the following points:

a) Notice the following information from application no. 10/695,169:

Patent Term Adjustment History		
Date	Contents Description	PTO (Days)
03-19-2008	PTA 36 Months	456
04-08-2008	Patent Issue Date Used in PTA Calculation	
02-28-2008	Dispatch to FDC	↑
02-28-2008	Application Is Considered Ready for Issue	↑
02-14-2008	Issue Fee Payment Verified	↑
02-14-2008	Issue Fee Payment Received	↑
02-04-2008	Mail Miscellaneous Communication to Applicant	↑
01-15-2008	Examiner Interview Summary Record (PTOL - 413)	↑
02-02-2008	Miscellaneous Communication to Applicant - No Action Count	↑
11-30-2007	Mail Notice of Allowance	↑
11-28-2007	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed	↑
11-27-2007	Document Verification	↑
08-28-2007	Date Forwarded to Examiner	↑
08-20-2007	Response after Non-Final Action	
08-20-2007	Request for Extension of Time - Granted	
05-16-2007	Mail Non-Final Rejection	
04-09-2007	Information Disclosure Statement considered	
04-09-2007	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed	
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Based on the information presented above for application # 10/695,169, it just does not seem physically possible to come up with 456 days in between the above time entries.

b) Furthermore, as an illustrative example seen from the patent term adjustment record for patent application no. 10/974,786 below, it is not possible to determine the exact number of days for each particular time entry below which makes the total of 156 days because none of the individual blue arrow has any corresponding value attached to it.

10-02-2006	Non-Final Rejection	
07-26-2006	Date Forwarded to Examiner	
07-19-2006 ✓	Response after Non-Final Action	
06-02-2006	Mail Non-Final Rejection	
05-30-2006	Non-Final Rejection	
10-28-2004	Information Disclosure Statement considered	
02-01-2005	IFW TSS Processing by Tech Center Complete	
02-01-2005	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU	
10-28-2004	Request for Foreign Priority (Priority Papers May Be Included)	
10-28-2004	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed	
10-28-2004	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed	
12-07-2004	Application Return from OIPE	
12-07-2004	Application Return TO OIPE	
12-07-2004	Application Dispatched from OIPE	
12-08-2004	Application Is Now Complete	
11-29-2004	Cleared by OIPE CSR	
11-23-2004	IFW Scan & PACR Auto Security Review	
10-28-2004	Initial Exam Team nn	

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Based on the above points, we respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (U.S.P.T.O.) kindly provide us with an explanation of why the above record in point a) shows 456 days. In addition, we would like to know if it is possible to include corresponding date values in conjunction to each of the individual blue arrows shown above.

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tremendous value for our patents and the need for well-managed patent application /
patent records at the U.S.P.T.O.

Respectfully Submitted,

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